(*c*) in any event whether they would, considering the backward state of the said community, give better encouragement to the educated unemployed among them?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) 4 persons have been appointed and 5 appointments made.

(*c*) All possible encouragement is being given.

435. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of applications received from Kudumbi Chetties (Moopans) by the Staff Selection Board ever since its constitution;

(*b*) the number of persons from the community recommended for appointment by the Board, with the period of their appointments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 6.

(*b*) 4. Out of this one was permanently appointed as Teacher. Another did not accept the appointment. The third was appointed for one month and 6 days and the fourth for about four months.

COMMERCIAL EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY GOVERNMENT

436. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what all examinations in Commerce are being conducted by the Cochin Government;

(*b*) whether they (the Government) have received any representation requesting to conduct the London Chamber of Commerce Examinations;

(*c*) if so, what is their objection to conduct the same?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Government of Cochin are not conducting any examination in Commerce except in the Optional Commercial subjects in High Schools. There are two Centres in the State for the Madras Government Examinations in Commerce and the examinations at

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these Centres are being conducted under the supervision of the Industries Department.

(*b*) A petition has been received by the Director of Industries and Commerce from some students of the Government Trades School, Trichur for starting a Centre in the State for the examinations conducted by the London Chamber of Commerce.

(*c*) The matter is under correspondence with the examination authorities.

MALAYALAM IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE—IMPROVEMENT OF

437. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered about the necessity of improving the Malayalam Improvement Committee;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to take early steps to make its working more efficient so that it may give more encouragement towards the improvement of Malayalam literature?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is under the consideration of Government.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING IN JAPAN

438. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted in the *Madras Mail* dated 25th November on the last page about the adoption of a resolution by the Bengal Legislative Council "asking that an expert or experts be sent to Japan to investigate the causes of the high out-turn of paddy there, and help to train Bengal peasants in the improved method employed by Japanese cultivators";

(*b*) whether the Government be pleased to depute one or two graduates of agriculture employed in our State service for the purpose referred to above to study the improved conditions of paddy cultivation in Japan and introduce the same system here?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government do not think that there is any immediate necessity for any such step.

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